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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR ZLATANOV

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF INFORMATION IN EMBASSY BIO-  
GRAPHIC FILES REGARDING ZLATANOV.

2. ASEN ILIEV ZLATANOV WAS BORN JULY 27, 1935 IN SOFIA.  
HE GRENNATED IN 1958 OR 1959 FROM THE KARL MARX HIGH  
ECONOMIC INSTITUTE IN SOFIA. HE WORKED IN THE BULGARIAN  
NATIONAL BANK FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH  
DEPARTMENTS, BECOMING HEAD OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS IN 1963.  
IN 1963-64, HE DID A YEAR OF TRAINING AT THE LONDON BRANCH  
OF THE MOSCOW NARODNY BANK. IN 1966, HE BECAME DIRECTOR  
OF THE CREDIT INSPECTION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND ECONOMIC  
RESEARCH DEPARTMENTS AT THE BULGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE BANK  
(FTB). AS OF MARCH 1974, HE WAS LISTED AS FIRST DEPUTY  
CHAIRMAN OF THE FTB.

3. WHILE AT THE FTB, HE TRAVELLED TO THE US ON THREE  
OCCASIONS: IN APRIL 1967 TO ATTEND A UNCTAD MEETING IN  
NEW YORK; IN 1973 WHEN HE VISITED WASHINGTON, NEW YORK,  
AND SAN FRANCISCO; AND IN APRIL 1974 WHEN HE WENT FOR TEN  
DAYS TO ATTEND THE 52ND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE BANKERS'  
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ASSOCIATION FOR FOREIGN TRADE IN SAN DIEGO. (ONE SPEAKER  
AT THAT CONFERENCE WAS ABKLATIF Y AL HAMAJQ, THEN DIRECTOR  
GENERAL OF THE KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.)  
DURING THAT VISIT HE ALSO CALLED AT BANKER'S TRUST IN  
NEW YORK.

4. ZLATANOV SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND RUSSIAN, AS WELL

AS BULGARIAN. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE BULGARIANIDV. NIST  
PARTY. HIS BROTHER, ZARE ZLATANOV, IS REPORTED TO BE AN  
OFFICER OF BULGARIAN STATE SECURITY. ZLATANOV IS MARRIED  
TO THE FORMER PENKA SLAVOVA MILEVA AND THEY HAVE AT  
RTEAST TWO CHILDREN. ON MAY 27, 1976, HE WAS APPOINTED  
AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT REPLACING ZDRAVKO TSVETANTT ZELENOGRADSKI.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ZLATANOV  
COLLECTED IN KUWAIT.  
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